

Foreign Service Limited Position Opportunity: Energy Officer - 1301-02

Agency: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

Organization: Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, Technical Support Office, Energy and Infrastructure Division (E&E/TSO/EI)

Location of Position: Washington, DC

Open Period: 06/07/2022 – 06/22/2022

Appointment Type: This is an excepted service, time-limited appointment that is not-to-exceed five years.

Salary: (USD) \$120,317 – \$176,300 (annually)

Number of Vacancies: One

Description of Organization: This position is located in E&E/TSO/EI. EI provides leadership and management in support of programs/projects in the areas of energy sector reform, energy security, and critical infrastructure protection and investment throughout Eastern Europe. Specifically, EI oversees a multi-activity project whose mechanisms and implementers support utilities, regulators, Ministries, and other critical infrastructure stakeholders in the E&E energy sector to advance several key priorities: (1) deter the malign interference of the Kremlin, (2) offer an alternative choice to Chinese investment and influence, 3) create opportunities for U.S. businesses in the region, and (4) facilitate a clean energy transition in the region that also promotes the energy and economic security of assistance recipient countries. EI also provides extensive support to USAID field Missions in the design, management, and evaluation of complex technical assistance and investment programs.

Description of Position: The Energy Officer is an advisor to E&E management and offices of E&E, as well as field Missions in formulating policies and strategies. Under the direction of the E&E/TSO/EI Division Chief, the Energy Officer will be responsible for defining the scope and objectives of USAID's energy security and critical infrastructure protection programs in Eastern Europe as well as developing, implementing, managing, and evaluating individual programs and projects to achieve these objectives. The Energy Officer has the ability to manage complex multi-stakeholder projects independently and to articulate USAID's position in a variety of forums. The Energy Officer is expected to build collaborative relationships with other donors, U.S. Government agencies, and a variety of energy sector stakeholders. The Energy Officer must be able to engage with counterparts ranging from technical specialists at utilities to senior-level staff at Ministries.

Given that the duties assigned can be classified under either the physical scientist or the social science series, and the work can, therefore, be performed by an employee qualified in either of the disciplines, the position is classified as interdisciplinary.

Description of Key Duties:

- Identify major energy security and critical infrastructure policy issues pertinent to E&E countries as well as USAID and E&E strategies and recommend related programmatic steps necessary to address malign influence in these sectors;
- Design and manage regional USAID programs and/or projects (i.e., serve as the contract/agreement officer's representative) focused on combatting malign influence in the energy and critical infrastructure sectors in the E&E region, ensuring programmatic efforts align with USAID and E&E development goals;
- Collaborate with USAID Missions in the design and/or evaluation of bilateral assistance programs. Serves as an expert consultant on a broad range of projects and programs. Issues might include but will not be limited to energy market development and transparent market operations, energy infrastructure project development and finance, utility reform and resource planning, and critical infrastructure cyber security;
- Exercise a broad degree of independence and apply authoritative judgment in developing and maintaining relationships with foreign counterparts; and
- Establish and foster effective working relationships and information networks with business and industry associations, domestic and foreign universities, and stakeholders in all levels of the U.S. Government.

Qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. citizen;
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills with both technical and non-technical audiences;
- Strong analytical skills and ability to translate data into actionable programmatic recommendations;
- Experience with program and project management;
- Ability to act independently in complex environments; and
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmentalized Information (TS/SCI) security clearance.

Basic Requirements:

- **Degree:** Physical or social science, including engineering, mathematics, economics, international relations, business management, or political science.
- **Combination of education and experience:** Education equivalent to one of the degree majors (listed above) that included at least 24 semester hours in physical science and/or social science, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

Interested candidates should submit:

- A resume/CV;
- A short (less than two pages), written statement of interest that articulates the candidate's vision of U.S. strategic priorities within the E&E energy sector; the most impactful USAID responses for achieving these objectives; and how the candidate would leverage their professional experience to develop and implement the associated USAID programming;
- A proposed individual Year 1 work plan (less than one page and formatted as a bulleted list) that includes three to five objectives and supporting activities to achieve these objectives;
- Three relevant professional references;
- Official or unofficial transcripts;
- If already obtained, evidence of security clearance; and
- A DD-214 and other veteran-status.

An equitable, inclusive, and diverse workplace are critical to our mission. USAID is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.

Please submit your application package to ee recruitments@usaid.gov.

Please use the subject line: "**FSL APPLICATION PACKAGE: Energy Officer, FL-02, E&E/TSO/EI.**" Application submissions are required by **June 22, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST**. Packages not submitted by the deadline with the specified subject line, or incomplete packages, will not receive consideration.

Additional Resources include:

- [EEO Policy Statement](#)
- [Reasonable Accommodation Policy](#)

Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to:

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